



Cincinnati Preschool Promise Tuition Assistance Fact Sheet

About tuition assistance

Tuition assistance funds are intended to help families offset the cost of attending highly-rated quality preschool. Assistance will be provided in the form of tuition credits paid directly to a Preschool Promise provider selected by the family.

Tuition assistance child/family eligibility

Families who live within the boundary of the Cincinnati Public School District are eligible to receive Cincinnati Preschool Promise (CPP) tuition assistance. CPP will use the following prioritization schedule to focus funds first on 4 year olds from families with household (HH) incomes below 200% of the federal poverty level (FPL), followed by 4 year olds from HH under 300% FPL, then 3 year olds. The specific process for the prioritization is still being determined by CPP.

Preschool provider qualifications

Tuition assistance credits can be used at Cincinnati Public Schools preschools and highly-rated community providers located in the Cincinnati Public School District boundary. Highly-rated quality programs are defined as having a three, four or five-star rating based on the State of Ohio's "Step Up to Quality" star rating system that is administered by the Ohio Department of Education.

Tuition assistance reimbursement

Tuition assistance funds are transferred directly to the preschool provider on behalf of the eligible child and can be applied towards educational-based programs during the school day, and during the school year old. A provider's reimbursement amount is dependent on its SUTQ rating (higher rated programs receive a greater percentage of funding), the eligible child's household income level, and the number of hours per day and days per week the child is enrolled in the preschool program. Additionally, tuition assistance is "last dollar" funding, which means parents must first leverage all other available funding sources before tuition assistance credits are issued.

(Note: Providers without an SUTQ rating, or those that have a one, or two-star rating may be eligible to receive Quality Improvement Grants. Grant applications are expected to be available in late spring 2017.)

Preschool Promise provider expectations

Preschool Promise providers are expected to assist eligible families apply for Tuition Assistance during the enrollment process. Providers must collect the required documentation (CPP Parent application form, required proof of income/residency, and other public funding sources), and submit these to CPP.

Tuition assistance application timeline:

Preschools are expected to begin accepting tuition credits by fall 2017. Providers may begin applying to become a Preschool Promise provider in May.

Where Providers go for more information:

Providers may post questions and access a Provider Manual on CPP's website www.askpreschoolpromise.org.